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THINK OF LEE.

A paraphrase on Wade Hampton's Staunton, Va., speech, July 26th 1880.

[From the Boston Traveller.]

Floating from Virginia valley
Comes the Bourbon battle-cry,
"Southrons, cease your feuds and rally,
Think for what did Jackson die?
Think of your lost leader, Lee,
Which side would he take to day?
Think of all he fought for vainly,
Don't desert his cause, I pray."

Thus spake Hampton, boldly, freely,
And his rebel hearers cheered,
Cheered for Hancock, as for Greeley,
And the flag once more was reared.
Flag for Lee and flag for Jackson!
'Cause for which they fought in vain!
White must rule,—pure Anglo-Saxon,
And the black must crouch again.

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Shall the South do all the thinking,
And the North not think at all?
Facts are facts, in spite of blinking,
Freemen! heed Wade Hampton's call!
While they're thinking of old Stonewall,
Thinking, too, of Robert Lee,
Think you, of your own vote this Fall?
Think, and vote for Liberty!

Has the North no martyrs sainted?
Are her heroes all forgot?
Shall a ballot-box fraud-tainted
Wipe our all their blood has bought?
Think, ye patriots of Northland,
Think of Lincoln, crowned above!
Where, if living now, would *he* stand?
Answer, as this land you love.

Think of Stewart and Stanton!
Think of sturdy old Ben Wade!
Memories great as Lee and Jackson,
You can summon from the shade.
Men of Indiana, think, too!
Think of Morton's mighty voice,
Would he vote with Hampton think you?
Or would Garfield be his choice?

Men of Massachusetts, ponder!
What would Andrew do to-day?
Where would Wilson, sleeping yonder,
Cast his lot—with blue or gray?
If in doubt your minds should waver,
How the chiefs who sleep would vote,
Think of Grant, THE NATION'S SAVIOUR;
He is voting as he fought.

Think, O North, of all it cost you!
Of the lost who come not back;
Of the empty chairs beside you,
Of the maimed on war's rude rack!
Think of fifty myriads sleeping
Evermore in Southern beds;
Thinking of the bitter weeping
For the dear flag o'er our head.

Think of all the treasure lavished!
Of our war debt mountains high;
Of your children's labor mortgaged,
That the Union might not die!
'Tis but fifteen years, O Northland,
Since Virginia bent the knee,
While the traitors of the Southland
Stacked their arms with Robert Lee.

Nought forgetting, nought new learning,
Southern treason lives to-day!
Hearts for Lee and Jackson burning—
Hancock's Blue but masks the Gray.
Rise, O Northland, drown this treason!
Solid ranks let Hampton see;
Tell them, if they wants the reason,
"*We have also thought of Lee.*"

A Party at Locust Grove.

The first of autumn, that saddest of all the year, was gladly welcomed by many voices who assembled at the residence of Mrs. Richard K. Hill to celebrate the close of the season at that place. It was truly the event of the season, for the art of man combined with that of nature was one grand sight to behold.

At about half past nine o'clock the wealth and beauty of the country filled the illuminated and decorated rooms nearly to overflowing, and one and all seemed to have a merry time, seemed to be basking in the sunshine of merry May rather than in the birthday of old autumn. Ten o'clock precisely the Sandy Spring's band played one of its finest marches, when the company formed into couples and marched into the supper room where a sumptuous table was spread with all the delicacies of the season. After partaking bountifully the band (which I must say is an exceedingly fine one, far excelling our city bands—when I heard them play, I could not help thinking why Washington, the centre of culture, could not organize a band and let us patronize it as these people do their band) played again and many tripped the light fantastic, and promenaded. All left at a late hour highly pleased with the evening's enjoyment.

A Subscriber.

Some hints for the Colored Journalist.

The following letter, redeived by us more than a year ago, is, to say the least, very suggestive, and we pub lish it for the benefit of our contem poraries and their readers:

Clark's Green, P. O.,
Lackawanna, Co. Pa.

Mr. Editor;—I saw in the *Christian Recorder*, not long since, your invitation to any person who wished to have a specimen of the *People's Advocate*, for review, to address you, and you would forward it. You will please transmit me one copy fortwith, when you get this communication, so I can see it, and if I shall be sufficiently pleased, may become a subscriber. I have never seen t e paper. I am one of the sable race, and I wish to patronize our people in any praiseworthy act. If you will be so kind as to indulge me in a few thoughts upon a disideratum. It may be there is some ample means possessed by the Press, owned by the colored people in this county giving in detail all facts, as nearly as possible concerning their general status: if so, I am ignorant of it hitherto, viz, 1st what each colored community in every city, borough and town is worth, real and personal; 2d The number of colored inhabitants; 3rd what business each person follows, male or female; 4th Where each person can be found, as to street and number of the house in the cities; 5th The names of all that keep boarding houses; 6th The price of the different kinds of labor; 7th The rent of houses and the value of land, by the lot, or acre; 8th The social relations as to how many of the colored race are intermarried with the white race; 9th How many churches, and of what persuasion they are in the different cities etc.; 10th How many Fraternities there are, together with their names; 11th The school facilities and who teach the schools, whether white, or colored persons, also whether the colored is taught with the whites, or in separate schools, naming the places of such united or disunited schools: 12th The names of all civil officers, as to what kind, and where they live; 13th The speeches of interest of all the colored orators, political or theological, or scientific; 14th The value of church property of each congregation severally, also the estimate of each Fraternity in each place; 15th The prices of board by the day, week, etc.; 16th The peace and harmony between the races in each town and county in every state; 17th How many colored soldiers there are now, or will be employed by this government; 18th All the parades, festivals, exhitions and foreign tours of every colored lady and gentleman there may be from time to time, as well as for what purpose; 19th All the births and of whom, and all the deaths that may occur; 20th All the marriages among the colored people, who they are, and by whom married, together with the date of each; 21st How many voters in each place, and of what respective politics as nearly as can be known.

These, sir: are important considerations for colored people to know, because generally they are poor, and not one has more money than he wants. A colored man, or woman cannot afford to spend much money traveling about from one place unto another, to ascertain the different facts as above set forth, but by having a good journal or periodical, a person could sit down every week, month, or three months at fartherest and learn in a very short time particular news concerning colored people's interest.

I think there are many colored people now, that do not patronize our presses would do so, not only to find out these things already mentioned, but to know the whereabouts of hus bands, wives, brothers, sisters, parents and children. That is what we want greatly. I do not know indeed, whether the whites have any means of similar nature or not. I feel assured if some one, or a number of our people would get such a medium it would be supported by the whites as well as by the colored. Now this could be effected, I think by having competent agents and correspondents in the different cities and towns, to give the information required, each one having a copy of a draft with instructions as to what he was to give. It might be arranged so as have one state central paper, to accumalate all the information in each state and territory attributable to one grand centre of the Union, or if too expensive, then have one Grand Central paper with an agent in every town, county and state to gleam information on all the topics set forth for general instruction in the United States of America. I could give you another momentous cause for our people to engage in, but I shall refrain to weary you reading any longer my views at this time.

Yours Respectfully,
J. J. BUTLER.

August 7th 1879.

The Civil Status of the Southern Negro.

The trains on the Macon and Western Railroad have three distinct coaches for passengers—one for the Caucasian, one for the African, and one for the Caucasian smokers. In the Negro coach it is placarded, "This car is for colored people only." But I noticed as I came up that quite a large number of white persons took refuge in there, often in close proximity with their colored brother. At times they began to smoke, but the conductor asked them to go into the next car, the smoker. Now notice the difference. A white man may go into a car that they call exclusively a Negro car, and sit down while there; if a Negro attempts to return the compliment his head or back pays the penalty. Observe again a feature of Southern justice. Throughout the North there are two grades of tickets, first and second; in the South but one, a first grade ticket. A white man and his black brother will buy the same ticket, for the same point on the same train. His "excellency" goes into the car he pays for. His "nigger" takes his valise into one he did not pay for. You remember that I said in No. 2 that it was rumored that Joe Brown and others of the same temperament said that they, though not Republicans, affiliated with that party in the early days of reconstruction to keep Negroes out of office as much as possible, and so save the State from Negroes and carpet-bag supremacy. I concluded that arti- by saying: "Whether true or not, an article on the condition of the black man would show that it bears a semblance of truth." I ask the Indiana Democrat, the Ohio Democrat, the New York Democrat—all the Democrats, if there are any conscientious ones among them for an impartial decision on this point. Well, I am wandering and seeking that I won't get. The social and political condition of the Southern Negro is somewhat mysterious. Your correspondent has tried analytically and synthetically to solve the problem, but he, like others, finds no satisfactory solution, unless in a radical change of the Negro's present status, affected by him and through himself. Financially, here in the city of Macon, the colored people are doing well. They own all the hack lines, are acquiring property, some on a small and others on a large scale. A few, in addition to their homes in the city, own plantations, where they spend the summer when heat makes it disagreeable within the city limits.—*W. S. Scarborough in the Indianapolis Leader.*

For Colored Democrats.

General Mahlon D. Manson, in a speech delivered here last week, said: "I was down South, I saw the 325 marshals of Kellogg march up to the Custom House at New Orleans. Some had hats on with the brims off, some had shirts made of yarn, muslin, jeanes and flannel. Some had one boot and one shoe, and some were bare-footed, some were "black" and some were "blacker!" and some wer'nt worth a 'chew of terbacker. Between these tar-heels and the carpet-bagger (if it was compulsive) I would say: Come Dinah, come Hannah, come Sally Ann, come all you dirty, filthy, greasy niggers, I will kiss every one of you in preference to the contemptible carpet-bagger." And yet there are a few of our persecuted, outraged race who are going to vote for Manson for Auditor of State.—*Leader.*

The Colored Man in America.

The colored man all over the United States has a hard road to travel. In the North, he is very little better off than in the South. It is true his vote is counted, he is in no danger of being assaulted and murdered on the account of his political opinions. There is a reason for this; if the number of colored people in the North was as great as in the South, the same condition of affairs would exist. In the South, his vote, when counted, amounts to a controlling power; in the North it amounts to almost nothing.

In the North, the Negro, as in the South, has no representation, and perhaps never will. The feelings of those to whom he should look for assistance in this direction, are that he is incompetent. He is so highly thought of in New York city that he does nothing but black boots and wait on the table. In this he is much worse off in the North than in the South; for in the South a colored man is allowed to do the menial labor, and, if a carpenter, blacksmith, brick mason or porter, is allowed to follow his calling. Not so, however, with the colored gentry of the favored North. In Washington a few of them are employed in the departments, but not one is found at the head of any of the sub-departments.

We don't know but that the colored man had better let parties take care of themselves, and that he had better begin to turn his mind in the direction of material prosperity altogether. —*Athens (Ga.,) Blade.*

Fred. Douglass in Indiana.

An interesting episode of the trip was a spirited chat between Mr. Douglass and the Democratic war horse of Hancock County, the Hon. Dave Gooding. Mr. Gooding, it will be remembered, was Mr. Douglass' predecessor in the marshalship of the District of Columbia under Andrew Johnson and of the great changes that have taken place. Mr. Gooding thought the colored people had never done justice to Mr. Johnson. Mr. Douglass eloquently recounted the celebrated interview which a colored delegation headed by himslf held with Mr. Johnson in the winter of 68, in which he (Mr. Johnson) took strong grounds against suffrage. "Mr. Douglass I am surprised," said Mr. Gooding. "that a man of your intelligence should now believe that the interests of your race or the country would be endangered by the success of the Democratic party." This remark seemed to rouse all the latent fire of the old man's nature and for once Mr. Gooding was forced to listen to a most scathing arraignment of his party for its infidelity to the principles of justice and equality upon which our government is founded. "Noblesville," shouted the porter, and thus cut short the interesting interview, and Mr. Gooding was left to the seclusion he needed to season up his stale hash for the "unterrified" to whom he was to talk further up the road.—*Ex.*

District Lodges—What they are—Want they should, and should not be.

Mr. Editor:—I received your circular note with your sprightly paper today asking for items of interest to the G. U. O. of O. F.

Bortherly Love Lodge, No. 896, is making vigorous preparations to attend the reunion and District Convention to be held at Williamsport, Lycoming Co., Pa., Thursday and Friday, September 9th and 10th.

The prospects are very promising for a full representation and an intelligent meeting of the Order.

The District System, then, is of first importance. The matter must first be studied by the Order. There have been many propositions before the A. M. Cs. from year to year. None have met the case exactly, nor yet do I claim now that it is perfect against all contingencies that may arise. While it may be simplified and a comprehensive notion of its powers may be gained by all those familiar with our general laws, I will state that it is simply a division of the executive, judicial and legislative powers of our system of benevolence. They are not "Grand Lodges" but "District Lodges."

There are prospects of great good to our Order if we can moderate that ambition that seeks to achieve the highest title and the most commanding positions without that toil and responsibility made perfect by years of self-sacrifice, necessary to fit any man for such eminence. And this service and sacrifice in a vast field of benevolence where so much is needed among our people do not cease with such attainments, and no man should accept a degree not willing to make it a life labor and duty.

The second position I take is that in the District Lodge, there will be a sort of safety valve as t'were from this first danger but a greater may appear shortly namely: over much legislation In this lies the greater evil, to be vigilantly guarded against by all who love our order in verity.

We must avoid carefully the possibility of enacting rules far in advance of our developement.

The greater body of our members have not yet learned any system of general laws, and only a very few are prepared for the frequent and constant changes made annually.

The next danger likely to arise is in the expansion of the beneficial system of our order. First of all, it is to provide larger sums to families at the death of a brother or his wife, if she is a member of the Household of Ruth Degree, than can be paid by any one Lodge. The first danger will lie in making that sum too great. This is to be regulated wholly by the District Lodges. The first six months or a year the assessments should not exceed twenty-five cents per member and would be introduced much more easily if it did not exceed ten cents. The growth of the system then would be contingent upon the spread of the order and the increase of its membership and vice versa.

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We take the following from *The Elvator* edited by Peter H. Bell, the veteran colored journalist:

The N. Y. *Progressive American*, John J. Freeman and Geo. A. Washington, editors and proprietors closed its 9th Vol. on 5th inst. It enters upon its 10th Vol. as progressive and as aggressive against error as ever. This is the only colored journal except the *Christian Recorder* and *Elevator* which has continued under its original proprietorship and kept up its regular issue for any number of years. The PEOPLE'S ADVOATE of Washington, D. C., comes next, and is behind neither of its seniors in "ability."

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FOR PRESIDENT,
JAMES A. GARFIELD,
of Ohio.
FOR VICE-PRESIDENT,
CHESTER A. ARTHUR,
of New York.

The result of the Vermont election is far more gratifying than at first supposed. It showed that the people of the North are thoroughly aroused and see through the thin guise of the candidate on horseback with no political opinions to speak of. 26,000 Republican majority will wake up Maine to its greatest energies and inspirit Ohio, Indiana and New York.

We will watch with interest the conference between the re-adjusters and the funders in Virginia. From our knowledge of the leaders, we predict a compromise impracticable, though a surrender is probable, but the re-adjusters will not surrender to the funders. General Mahone can not afford to do any thing this fall which will jeopardize his interests next year; if he surrenders to the Bourbons he cannot count on Republican support; without that his defeat is inevitable.

Cadet J. C. Whittaker arrived here Monday. He is stopping with Prof. R. T. Greener, who has done him such signal service in the trial he has undergone. Mr. Whittaker will find that the sympathies of our people are freely extended to him. It is generally believed that a court martial will be granted Mr. W., when we hope to see him receive that substantial justice to which he has latterly been a stranger.

To all of our subscribers who are delinquent, notices have been, and will be sent stating the amount of indebtedness due us. We ask each and every one to make a sacrifice to pay us the same at once; monthly rent must be paid promptly, pressmen and compositors look regularly for their dues, and paper is no cheaper. If subscribers are dilatory in their remittances, they put us back in all these ways, and otherwise imperil our success. Send on the maney at once. A dollar is a small amount, but hundreds of them are of great importance to us.

The *Southern Intelligencer* is doing good work in its particular way. It is whirling a free lance with terrific effect, both against the Bourbon Democracy and a certain class of Republicans. It is doing what no previous republican paper (it claims not to be an organ) has done: it is bringing republican doctrine constantly before ex-Confederate eyes. Sympathizing as heartily as we do with the re-adjusters in their effects to rout the Bourbons, yet, we cannot now advise the republicans of the state to abandon the Garfield electoral ticket, yet there's no telling what will happen in the next seven weeks.

We have received from J. R. Osgood & Co., publishers Boston, Mass., an outline map by F. B. Perkins consulting libraian, 24 by 38, showing at a glance the relative strength of the different parties in the congressional districts of the country. This is done by means of parallel bars varying in length according to the vote cast, on a basis of 1 millimeter or one twenty-fith of an inch for every 1000 votes. The Republican votes are indicated by red colored bars, Democratic by blue ones, third parties and candidates votes being given in blank, outline, while the votes in detail at the elections for members of the present Congress are given in the margin.

This arrangement shows the strongholds of the respective parties, the close districts and where the politician must direct his principal labors. The principle upon which this map is based has long been recognized and utilized by politicians and statesmem in Great Britain. Every close and intelligent student of the growth and development of parties in this country will welcome this an invaluable aid. For sale by J. J. Chapman, 911 Pa. ave. Price fifty cents.

A GOOD TRICK.

The Negroes were not allowed to vote freely in any ward in this city, except the ninth. They were met with all sorts of frivolous questions by the democracy, and large numbers of them turned away illegally without voting. In the seventh ward seven Negroes had made three attempts to vote the Repulicans ticket, and had been refused. They then stepped aside, took some of the democratic tickets, which were on fancy red paper, and scratched off the name of the Democrats on them and wrote on the names of the Republican candidates and folded them up, went in on the Democrateic side, presented their votes and they were received without question, the democratic judges supposing they were voting the Democratc ticket.—*Broadside.*

CUNNING BULLDOZING BY THE FLORIDA DEMOCRATS.

A reliable corrrespondent informs us that it is given out as a secret by certain Democrats in the eastern portion of his state, (Florida) who claim they love fair-play, that the Ku *Klux* organization is to be resurrected, and and that preparations looking to effective operation are going on every day; and that a big fuss is promised the Repulicans, who are colored, of course, on election. This threat is intended to intimidate and keep the colored people away from the polls; still the history of the Democracy of West Florida furnishes no reason to believe that the threat will not be put into effect, if necessary.

If we were to construct a table forecasting the result of the Presidential election, we would place it as follows:

HANCOCK:

Solid South	138

GARFIELD:

California	6	Colorada	3
Illinois	21	Iowa	11
Kansas	5	Maine	7
Mass.	13	Michigan	11
Minnesota	5	Nebraska	3
Nevada	3	N. Hamp.	5
Ohio	22	Penn.	29
Rhode Island	4	Vermont	5
Wisconsin	10	New York	35
Total			206

DOUBTFUL:

Connecticut	6	New Jersey	9
Indiana			15
Total			30

Monday morning at half past ten o'clock several colored clergymen of the different Methodist denominations in the city met at Asbury church. There were present, Elders Stevenson, Peck, Wales, Hamer, Miller, Morris, Shreeves, Mitchell, and many other good brethren who are too kind to fall out with us if we do not call their names.

After singing and praying the officers that were elected at the first meeting were installed. Elder Hamer is president of the Union, Peck and Morris vice-presidents, Wales and Shreeves recording secretaries, and Elder Ross holds the money; we mean to say he will hold it when we get some in the treasury.

After the officers who had been elected took their seats, Rev. Shreeves made a few remarks expressing the views of the brethren who voted for them. He said to the president that he was the choice of the brethren, that all centred upon him, that they would all give him their cordial support, and that the other officers also should share the same sympathy. He said the idea of unity prevailed so strongly among the brethren when they were choosing officers that they elected both president and recording secretary from the same denomination, when they should have elected them from different denominations. This is pleasant news indeed for us to record. "Behold how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity."

The officers also spoke. The president made the first speech which was listened to attentively and highly appreciated; then the subordinate officers followed. Each one was in favor of forming a colored preachers' union, not only among the different Methodist denominations, but a union of all the colored preachers of the city. Elder Stevenson is the originator of this union; he feels that the idea was revealed to him, and he did not lay his plan before the brethren until after the most prayerful deliberation. He has a hundred things to bring before the union as soon as it is well organized, which he thinks will be for the good of the church and our people generally.

The pastors then gave reports of the spiritual condition of their churches and sermons they preached last Sabbath, and the effect these sermons had upon the audiences. A little preacher was made an honorary member of the union, for which he returned sincere thanks, for he considered it a great honor to be associated with such an esteemed body of preachers.

The object of the union is to discuss subjects "pertaining to the cause of Christianity," and the general interest of the church; bearing on the moral and religious welfare of our people. These are excellent topics, but the discussion should be extended further; we should discuss subjects relating to the financial and intellectual welfare of our people also. We trust that Elder Stevenson will succeed in getting all the colored preachers of this city to join this union, irrespective of denomination. For we believe great good will result from it, and it seems to us that our preachers should be the first to lay the foundation of the union. There is the greatest need of unity among us. If we were more united it would make us stronger: first, we would be stronger financially; second, we would be stronger intellectually; third, we would be stronger morally; fourth, we would be stronger religiously. We shall endeavor to discuss these topics in our next.

PERSONAL.

Prof. Inman E. Page according to the "FREE-MAN'S JOURNAL", is meeting with marked success at The Lincoln Institute.

Bishop R. H. Cain has decided to make Dallas, Texas, his future headquarters.

Bishop Turner has met with a flattering reception in Arkansas.

Cadet J. C. Whittaker is at present in the city, the guest of Prof. R. T. Greener.

NORFOLK NOTES.

The central Garfield and Arthur Campaign Club, have received their new campaign uniform, and it looks quite nobby, they propose to go down to Hampton on Wednesday to the convention in body and in full uniform with flags and banners.

We have heard considerable talk about A. P. S. T. now absent from the city, will it leak out? We do sincerely hope that it will for the good of the community, and a blow to some of the leaders of society.

The concert at the Bank St. Baptist church on Monday night last was a complete success. Though aware of the fine singers who were to participate, we may readily say that those beautiful selections were rendered in a superb style, especially so the opening chorus "Comfort ye my people", and "Hark the songs of Jubilee" and "Watchman onward to our station". Among those who participated was that charming soprano Mrs. Harriet Gatewood, and also that excellent tenor Mr. Tucker Jordon, of those two in their respective roles have not an equal in this city. The above concert was given for the benefit of the foreign mission and will be repeated at an early date.

Rev. G. T. Watkins pastor of St. John's A. M. E. church returned home on Sunday last from a pleasant trip to Canada.

Col. C. M. Arnold has returned, and soon we expect to have a large political meeting.

Miss Annie Dean formaly a resident of this city, though now of Baltimore, Md., has been on a visit to a relative in our city, returned home on Monday last much to the regret of her many friends.

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OCCASIONAL

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Second, the change does not contemplate that every member shall join the system of benefits, but he can maintain his assurance even though non financial in the Lodge. I confess there lies a danger here of offering a premium to be gained by going through the Order but not remaining in it; but this defect seemed wiser than a greater apparent one, to wit: First, making many non-financial members, and second, disabling them from re-instatement, either to their Lodges or to the assurance association or both.

Thus you, I trust, will percieve the wisdom of my precaution against high assessment.

The rule of membership was not made mandatory out of respect to those combinations already in the order involving the same principle, yet my judgement is that wise instruction and unity in the matter will be both happy and wholesome. I pray you pardon me for so long a discourse. In common with all good men of our race, my people and their rise and progress, lay a burden on my heart and mind and I percieve in our noble order, the elements of self government, the unity of the sections of the states, the peace and posperity of this American people.

If you deem my views of service, and they find place in your very bright paper, I will be thankful for a copy.

Yours Fraternally,
GEO. H. IMES.

BALTIMORE NOTES

—The banner raising which took place here on hursday evening last. was a mammoth success. Long before eight o'clock the music had collected fully 1200 to the scene and access to the hall was impossible. At 8:30 o'clock an omnibus arrived at the Institution bearing Prof. R. T. Greener of Washington, Mr. W. L. Vessels, J. W. Locks Esq and Dr H. J. Brown. They alighted and amidst the cries "where is Langston?" and there is Greener wended their way to the stage through a crowd numbering a thousand or more. The appearance of Prof, Greener was hailed with enthusiastic applause and he was the cynosure of every one present. Mr. W. F. Taylor called the meeting to order and read a long list of Vice-Presidents and at the names of several applause followed. Dr. H. J. Brown was named for President and on motion the report of secretary was adopted unanimously. Just then the banner handsomely furnished and costing dearly bearing the potraits of Garfield and Arthur was unfurled to the breeze. The band struck up with "Star Spangled Banner" which was a signal for an out burst of applause. Three loud cheers were given for Garfield and Arthur and fully 1500 joined in the hearty cheer. Dr. Brown upon taking his seat, made a lengthy speech and concluded by introducing the "coming man," Prof. R. T. Greener. This was another signal for applause and the Prof. stood dumb on the stage fully ten minutes, before his tongue proformed its office. After the applause subsided he said that he would not be human if he did not appreciate such courtesy. He then reviewed the record of the Democratic Party in and out of Congress. Spoke upon the commercial, financial and other interests of the country and holding the attention of his auditors for one hour and a half. Much emotion was created when the professor in an eloquent strain said, "Great God! what does the Democratic Party mean? Hand this country with all of its interests over to that party of plunder, and dishonesty? The American People do not intend to do it." This remark was signal again for applause which lasted several minutes. Some one in the audience cried "Go on Greener, never stop," when the Prof. was just then eulogizing two great acts which Ben. Butler did during the war and while eulogizing the leaders in this great struggle some one proposed the name of John Brown. The Prof. then said, "his soul goes marching on," and praised the old patriot in the most eloquent strain. He spoke for one hour and a half and closed amidst great applause. C. Irving Ditty Esq., followed the Prof. in an hour's speech and he, in turn, was succeeded by Mr. S Q. Sanks the greatest juvenile speaker in the city. The meeting was enthusiastic throughout, and was the greatest assemblage that has ever taken place in the city. The banner was raised under the auspices of the Colored Central Club, Dr. H. J. Brown, President. This club is doing much good and is recognized as the only club to be entrusted with their full registration of the colored vote. Prof. Greener was sumptuously entertained at the residence of Mr. W. L. Vessels; and the Prof. was most eloquent in responding to his toast.

—The Presbyterian Church Pic nic was a very pleasant affair. not being so numerous in numbers it partook of a family affair and every one present enjoyed himself and herself. Much credit is due to Mr. Wm. Brown for the nice manner he arranged everything and the excellent dinner furnished. It was quite late before the excursionists left the park for home.

—The Public Schools opened Monday as usual at this time of the year, with white teachers presiding over the colored children. It is a mean thing for the commissioners to take advantage of the calm, that is; since the flash of eloquence and the talk injustice has ceased, they with Democratic principles proved unfaithful to their pledges and again refused to grant the request of the colored populace. Let our leaders take down their trumpets and blow, probably "these fellows" are asleep or on a journey so far as righteousness is concerned.

—The air is full of rumor that the last of this year is to be devoted to marriages. Several prominent persons of male affinity are to select the choice of their youth.

—The annual examination of colored teachers of Baltimore County held under the supervision of Profs. T. C. Bruff and G. Clinton Hanna. The following named teachers passed into the high class of the 2d grade, having made the required per cent in the studies of geometry, physiology and grammar: James H. Scott, John Camper, Woodie Merchant, Singleton Hughes, Richard Riggs and Wm. Hewlett of Georgetown, D. C.

There were 45 applicants, 15 of which took the higher branches and of that number eight passed. Included in those who were successful was one lady Miss M. Josie Jones, principal of Catonsville School No. 1. They received each certificates for principals of primary schools or first assistants in the grammar schools. Those who took the oral examination and passed, received certificates for one year while the other were good for three. Mr. Harry Arnold, Misses Julia Butler and Jennie Warren were among those who took the latter examination and passed. A Normal class which meets every Saturday at the Howard Normal School, cor. of Courtland Saratoga for review would be pleased all friends of education to join them.

—Now the excursion and pic nic season being closed, one can readily see from the wide circulation of programmes that the entertainment and concert season has begun.

—Mr. S, S. Willson was installed last Monday evening as President of St. Paul's Lyceum for a term of six months; as was also the other officer, now elected. He made his inaugural address, praising the cause of literature and calling upon all to push forward the work of education. Mr. Willson is an efficient scholar and is quite an ornament to the presidential chair. "GOLIAH"

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—The third quarterly concert of the Sunday School Union of Georgetown, will take place Sunday September the 19th inst. 1880. According to previous arrangements the Union was to have met in the Mount Zion M. E. Church. The disastrious conflagration of the church necessarly makes a change. Therefore the pastor and trustees of the Ebenezer A. M. E. Church have done a Christianly act by granting the request to allow the Union to meet in their church on the above named date. All are invited.

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—Societies and Churches desiring local notices of their entertainments and other special exercises in order to ensure the same should send complimentary tickets.

—Mr. Wm. D. Kelley is in the real estate business at Leavenworth, Kansas.

—Mr. Wm. H. Bell is practicing law in Providence, R. I.

—Miss Mattie Lawrence left the city for New York, last Thursday.

—"Freddy" Moore's infant son is very ill.

—Henry Johnson of the *Era* is still confined to his residence.

—Dr. Crummell is preparing to introduce a choir in St. Luke's church composed of a number of white ladies and gentlemen, said to be excellent amateur vocalists.

—The pic nic for the benefit of the *Era* at the Tivoli Part last Tuesday was quite a success.

—The St. Mary's P. E. Church under the ministration of Mr. N. Jamar is progressing rapidly. The Sabbath school numbers over one hundred and fifty scholars.

—The *Era* pic nic will be repeated on Friday the 18th inst. Let there be a liberal attendance.

—There was a sociable at Mr. Wm. B. Ingraham's Monday night, for the benefit of John Wesley Church.

—An all day meeting comes off at Asbury to-mrrow. Revs. Cook preachee in the morning, also in the afternoon, and ——— at night. An effort will be made to complete the payments on the improvements.

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—The Sunday School of the Bethlehem Baptist Church, is preparing for its 3rd quarterly review which will take place Sunday, September 19, at 3 o'clock p. m., the Zion Baptist S. S. and others have been invited to participate.

—The Gospel Tent Meeting of the Bethlehem Baptist Church of Hillsdale, D. C., has met with much success. On last Sunday the Rev. J. H. T. Gray of the Mount Zion A. M. E. Church. preached at 11 o'clock a. m. Rev. Wm. Gibbons at 3 o'clock p. m. and Rev. H. Scott at 7:30 p. m. There was over 2,000 persons present. Collection $85.00, the meeting will close on next Monday, September 12th.

—The 41st anniversary at the 19th Street Baptist Church was celebrated last Monday by an entertainment which was participated in by grand children and great grand children of the earlier members of the church. The Sabbath School choir thirty-four strong, Geo. Foskey leader, rendered very beautifully several musical selections from the Garland of Praise. Their singing was the feature of the evening. "Glory to God in the highest," was rendered in a very artistic manner, the *diminuendo* and *crescendo* effects being all that could be desired, "Awake, awake the song," also capitally rendered. Miss Yates, in her recitation showed a talent far beyond one of her years. It is confidently stated that the S. S. choir will be the choir of the church; if so, Union Bethel, Asbury and Isreal must look to their laurels.

—Some of the changes in the assignment of teachers are as sudden as mysterious. Miss Alice S. Strange, who received a third grade certificate was appointed 1st assistant to Mr. Moss, Mr. C. N. Otey's successor. A such she acted on Monday, Tuesday and till Wednesday noon, when she was superseded by Miss Bettie Cox. The change was made by supervising principal Keene at the request it is alleged of Miss Bettie Cox, a teacher in the Pomeroy Building in order that she might be with Miss Johnson. We understand another change was made by which Mrs. Otey will receive $10 less per month, Thomas first graded.

—One of the most agreeable social entertainments of the season was given to a large party of friends by Mr. and Mrs. M. Robinson at their residence 309 C street Capitol Hill on Tuesday night, in honor of their charming guests Miss Cross of Newport, R. I., Miss Bragdon of Phila., Miss Brady of Norfolk, Va. and Miss Brown of San Francisco., Cal. After ample justice had been done to the elegant supper of three courses including wines provided by Mrs. Robinson, the evening was devoted to music, dancing and games, and until one o'clock the parlors resounded with the merry laughter of the fifty happy guests in attendance. Among those present we noticed Wm. H. A. Stevenson, Misses Jennie Tunie, Green, Smith, Clark and Messrs. L. H. Maybe, V. T. Tibbs, C. C. Caldwell, H. A. Stevenson, and Masters John Stevenson and Robinson.

The young ladies in whose honor the entertainment was given left for their respective homes last evening highly gratified over their pleasant visit to Washington and grateful to all the many friends who have contributed to their enjoyment while here.

The Closing of the Season at Proctor's.

It was our pleasure witht numerous others who were the recipients of the hospitality of Mr. Samuel Proctor, to be present at a reception given at his beautiful county residence at Rockville, Md., on the in honor of the close of the season. There we embarked on a special train at the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Road Depot, at 6 o'clock and after a pleasant ride of an hour we arrived at Rockville, where we found carriages in waiting to convey us to his residence, which is about half an hour's ride from the station through very beautiful country. Our ride was indeed a very delightful one. Sometimes we were rolling along smoothly and pleasantly, and then again we would encounter very rustic pleasure in the shape of a good jostling from running against the a stump of a tree. Our party which was composed of ladies and gentlemen enjoyed the ride hugely. On our arrival at the residence of Mr. Proctor, we found it very handsomely illuminated with Chinese Lanterns and candles, were welcomed by "mine host" and lady and a number of friends, who have been spending the summer here. The evening was spent in a most enjoyable manner, and the refreshments were served in "Proctor's style" which needs no comments, and a table very beautifully and tastefully decorated with evergreen Chinese Lanterns and candles on the lawn. It was indeed a pictureusqe sight long to be remembered by those who were present.

Among those present we noticed Prof. Storum, Mrs. Ceste Kelly, Miss Frankie Martin, Miss Louisa Matthews, Miss Lucy Moten, Mr. Hawkesworth and lady, Mr. F. G. Barbadoes, Mr. Wall, Mr. Wesley Howard, Mr. Chas. Proctor, Mr. Spencer Murray and lady, Mr. Usher and lady, Mr. Bruce and lady, Mrs. Silence, the Misses Pattersons, Miss L. Carey, Mr. Fritch, Miss M. Martin, Messrs. W. E. Matthews, Mr. Thos. Martin, Cruso, and host of others whose names we cannot recall.

Fifteenth Street Presbyterian Church.

The Sunday services at the Fifteenth street Presbyterian church were interesting and impressive. In the Sabbath school, there was a reunion meeting held for the teachers just returne to their path of duty after their summer vacation. Short addresses and prayers were offered and singing. An English naval officer present delivered a beautiful address. Rev. Grimke and wife were present looking well after their vacation. At the 11 o'clock service the pastor said that he felt his health entirely restored, and had not felt so well for three years. Prof. Grant was in his seat for the first time since his vacation. The chior under his leadership rendered choice music. Dr. Grimke took for his text the 144 Psalms and 15 th, verse, "Happy is that people that is in such a case yea: happy is that people whose God is the Lord". At the afternoon prayer and praise meeting, a large congregation turned out to listen to an able address delivered by a gentleman from Scotland, to the christian workers on the power of knowing the scriptures, and their teaching. The services were exceedingly interesting throughout.

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